138. Mr. A. Narayana Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many co-operative stores are there in the State;

(2) how many of them follow the credit system in sales and how many insiston cash payment;

(3) what is the economic condition of each ?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon:— (1) 11.

(2) All of them allow the credit system.

(3) 1. Poornathraisa Co-operative Store at Tripunithura (working well)

2. Ernakulam Co-operative Stores (not working satisfactorily)

3. Tatapuram Co-operative Stores (working well).

4. Vyttila St. Antony Co-operative Stores (this is not in working order now)

5. Pallurthy Stores. } (these were begun well but are now defunct).
6. Nadavaramba Stores. }
7. Manalur Group Teachers' Stores. }

8. Choorakkattukara Stores (this is a small Society started last year. The working is fair.)

9. Aylur Parthasarathy Co-operative Stores (working well)

10. Adoor Co-operative Stores (The Society has not been started on its work)

11. Devathar Co-operative Trust Ltd. (The Society is in its infant stage)

House and compound—children of the Consort of His Highness the late Ex-Maharaja.

139. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the house and other structures intended for the Consort and children of His Highness the Ex-Maharaja were finally check-measured;

(b) if so, by whom and when;

(c) were the premises formally handed over to the beneficiaries concerned;

(d) if so, what document is taken for the same and from whom;

(e) if no document is taken, what is it the Government propose to do in the matter of formally handing over the premises to the proper beneficiaries?

Mr. V. K Aravindaksha Menon:— (a) No.

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(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a) above.

(c) to (e). Orders have been issued to assign the property in the joint names of the Children of the Consort of His Highness the late Ex-Maharaja.

Defalcation—Maharaja's College.

140. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when was the defalcation in the Maharaja's College first detected;

(b) the date of the first defalcation;

(c) who detected it;

(d) who conducted the inquiry;

(e) how long did the inquiry last;

(f) whether they will be pleased to place copies of the report of the officer who inquired into it and the final orders by the Government on the same?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—(a) On 20th September 1933 (4th Kanni 1109).

(b) On 21st April 1931 (8th Medam 1106).

(c) The Principal, Maharaja's College.

(d) Director of Public Instruction.

(e) About 5 months. The preliminary inquiry commenced on 25th September 1933 and the final inquiry was completed on 21st February 1934.

(f) Government do not think that any public purpose will be served by placing copies of the report and orders on the Council Table.

Proportion of undergraduate teachers to graduate teachers in the Lower Secondary classes of Sirkar Schools.

141. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the proportion of under-graduate teachers to graduate teachers in the Lower Secondary classes of Sirkar schools;

(b) whether the number or under-graduate teachers in Lower Secondary classes of Sirkar Schools has been on the increase or decrease during the last five years?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—(a) About 32 per cent are under-graduates.

(b) On the increase.

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